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Preliminary Amendment

REMARKS


Favorable consideration of this application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-27 are presently active in this case, Claims 1-13 canceled by way of the present preliminary amendment.

The present application is a divisional application of, and claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to, Serial No. 09/734,877 filed December 13, 2000, ("the parent application"). Thus, the present preliminary amendment amends the specification to incorporate the parent application by reference as suggested by The Manual Of Patent Examining Procedure.¹ Accordingly, an examination on the merits of Claims 14-27 is believed to be in order, and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹See M.P.E.P. §201.06(c) Incorporation By Reference.